



HAPPY FIESTA TO ALL !
 Today we celebrate our **PATRONAL FEAST**
OUR LADY OF THE PHILIPPINES
-The Immaculate Conception-
and
THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY
of the Canonical Installation of
THE FILIPINO CATHOLIC MISSION OF MONTREAL



"On *that* day," the prophet says.

On that day, what will happen?

A shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse, the leopard will lie down with the kid, the poor will be rescued when he cries out, and justice will flourish. Who would not wait gladly for that day? Who would not hope for it?

And yet it seems that the shoot has already sprouted from Jesse. Christ has come, and none of these things has happened! Justice does not flourish. The poor are

not rescued. The leopard just eats the kid. What happened to the day that people were supposed to wait for? What happened to hope?

As far as that goes, injustice afflicted Christ himself. The evil of the world ate him too and he was not rescued. He was crucified. His persecutors said, "He saved others! Himself he cannot save!"

Wrong. The spirit of the Lord was in him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and knowledge. In this Spirit, there was justice in him, and gentleness for all the poor and the afflicted.

This is the Spirit with which Christ baptizes all who believe in him. Those baptized in this Spirit also have wisdom and understanding, counsel and knowledge. Justice flourishes in them too. They become like the leopard who lies down with the kid.

They are among the rescued, rescued from the darkness in themselves, a leopard darkness that would have eaten them up but for the rescue of the Lord. For those in the Spirit, ***that*** day is now.

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint Louis University



To all our friends, guests and benefactors joining us today
 for the Anniversary Celebration !

SPECIAL WELCOME to our new Episcopal Vicar,
Msgr. Pierangelo Paternieri, c.s.



Our Advent Penance Service will be held on **Sunday**
December 19th before the 11:30 a.m. Mass and at
 7:00pm. before the Simbanggabi Mass. There will be
 a number of priests in attendance. This celebration is
 one of the best ways for each of us to prepare for the
 Feast of Christmas. Please find time to attend !



TWO NEW ADMINISTRATORS ELECTED - In a special assembly of FCMM members held last Sunday, **Mr. Pedro Diaz, Jr.** and **Ms. Teresa Ambayec** were re- elected as Administrators to serve our community for the next three (3) years. Both were acclaimed by the community members who took part in the exercise.



The names of the two newly elected Administrators will now be submitted to the Cardinal for his approval. They begin their terms January 1, 2011.
CONGRATULATIONS TO TESS and JUN !

SIMBANGGABI 2010- Everyone is invited to assist at the **SIMBANGGABI 2010**, the central feature of the Filipino Christmas Celebration, to be held from December 15 -23 at 7:30 p.m. here at the FCMM.. All those interested to sponsor any of the 'Aguinaldo' Masses are requested to contact Mrs. Susie Alejandro, Mrs. Luming Silverio or the FCMM Office. **REMINDER:** Aguinaldo Mass' sponsorship has a minimum donation of \$25.00 (Tax Receipt eligible).



CHRISTMAS DÉCOR - Once again we are decorating the Church for the Christmas Season and we will need several Christmas Poinsettias, and other Décor for the Altar and the Sanctuary. We appeal to your generosity to donate the potted flowers and decor. Please complete the Flower sponsorship form which is available at the FCMM Office. Thank you for all of your support.



BAYANIHAN - OPERATION LINIS SIMBAHAN -

We will need MANPOWER to prepare and spruce up the Church for the Christmas Season. WE ARE CALLING ON AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**, starting at 9:00 a.m. THANK YOU in advance !

DEADLINE for BULLETIN ADVERTISERS and SPONSORS

New Edition will come out in January, 2011.

Contact the FCMM Office.

Deadline : December 12, 2010



Raise funds for the FCMM every time you shop!

Shopping cards for many local stores, gasoline stations, and supermarkets are now available to all who wish to support our church. Cards are available in amounts from \$25.00 to \$100.00.

5% of your purchase goes to support our parish!

**GET GIFT CARDS FROM THE FCMM IN TIME FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING !
PUT YOUR ORDERS BY DEC. 12 TO BE ABLE TO GET IT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...**

*For more information and details, come to the FCMM Office
or see Ms. Tess Ambayec, Ms. Tess Bernabe, or Ms. Marites Quirapas*



*Once again, to everyone who made the
2010 SEARCH for the FCMM KING AND QUEEN
OF ANGELS fund-raising project
a big success !*

*Congratulations to the Special Projects Committee
for last night's well organized and orderly
Coronation Night Dinner- Reception.*





STEWARDSHIP - *"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."* - Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. As we are immersed in the Holiday shopping season now might be a good time to evaluate what gifts do we give to God?

*Your Offerings for the week ending November 28, 2010
totalled \$ 1,332.50*

**Thank you for your continuing generosity !
God bless you always!!!**



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING** offered by **ALVIN and HILDA VELOSO**.



Our regular Hospitality Corner will be back in the First Issue of the New Year. Thanks !



FIESTA MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

We are celebrating once again our Patronal Fiesta of Notre Dame-des-Philippines. It is indeed but fitting and proper that we pause and take time to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Beloved Patroness for the many blessings granted to our Mission Community through her motherly intercession. All throughout these past years she has walked with us and accompanied us in all our endeavours and struggles. She truly deserves to be honoured and praised.

It is also the 21st Anniversary of our Canonical Installation. Twenty one normally signifies the age of maturity and independence. The FCMM community has certainly attained a certain degree of maturity. This is best demonstrated by the fact that we are able to manage and support a parish church and property of our own without being dependent on external aid. Our Mission members have become more attentive and responsive to the various needs of the community, and they have learned to work together in order to find the means necessary to meet those needs. If this kind of growth continues the FCMM will surely and gradually reach a high degree of material stability and pastoral achievements.

This year we have decided to pursue a thrust that would hopefully make the FCMM community become also more spiritually mature, i.e. the deepening of our Faith. Faith growth is a very important component in building a truly Christian community. Without it every effort and every endeavour we undertake become meaningless and fruitless. A mature Faith helps to put things in place whether in relationships, in pastoral projects and activities, in setting of values and priorities, in liturgical worship, etc. I can only hope and pray that everyone in the community will strive to embark in the pursuit and realization of this thrust in his or her own personal life and with the community, especially in the communitarian activities organized for this purpose.

HAPPY FIESTA and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL!

Fr. Frank Alvarez, PME
Pastor



Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen